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CHAPTER 31: SUPERNATURAL PHOTOGRAPHS

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ORIGINAL STORY
KOEI TECMO GAMES

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Creak
FINALLY ARRIVED AT THE DARKROOM, AND THERE ARE INNUMERABLE PHOTOS...
CLAK
Shing

THIS STORY IS FICTIONAL, AND COMPLETELY UNRELATED TO REAL PEOPLE, GROUPS, OR EVENTS.

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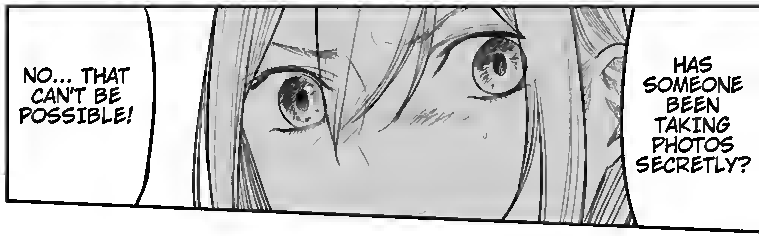
KSHHH

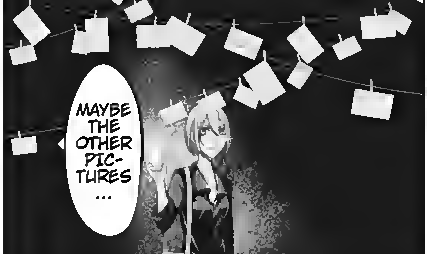
DOOM
IT CAN'T BE...! THIS IS...

IT'S US...!
SOMEONE'S BEEN TAKING PICTURES OF US SINCE WE GOT HERE!


HAS SOMEONE BEEN TAKING PHOTOS SECRETLY?
NO... THAT CAN'T BE POSSIBLE!

FIRST OF ALL THE PHOTOS...
...ALL OF THEM ARE YELLOWED, AND DIS-COLORED, AND SEPIA TONED...

Fwip
Fwip
Shf
FROM THE AMOUNT OF DUST ON THESE, IT'S BEEN TEN YEARS ABOUT SINCE THESE PHOTOS WERE DEVELOPED...
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ...?
THEY'RE NOT VERY CLEAR PHOTOS, BUT STILL...
...THEY'RE DEFI-NITELY PICTURES OF US FROM THE PRESENT.


MAYBE THE OTHER PIC-TURES ...

IF THEY WEREN'T OF US, I'D SAY THEY WERE PICTURES TAKEN BEFORE THE SCHOOL CLOSED.
I WONDER IF THERE'S A WAY OF FIGURING O EXACTLY WHEN THEY WERE TAKEN...

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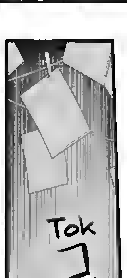
THIS ...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IT'S A PHOTO OF A SPORTS DAY.
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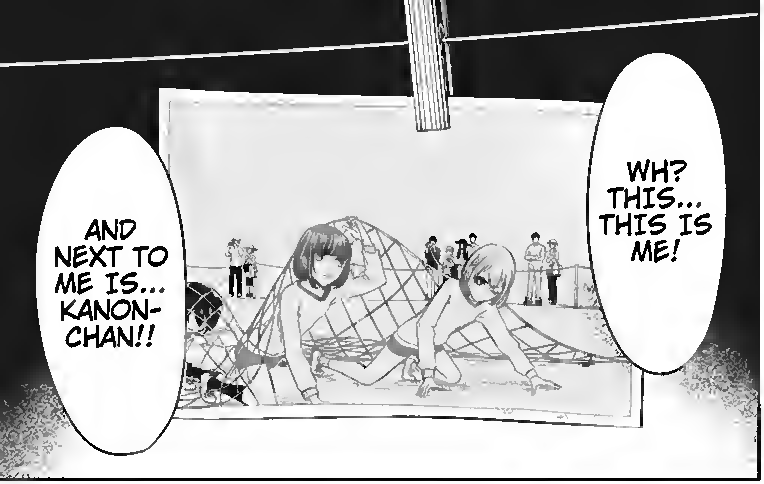
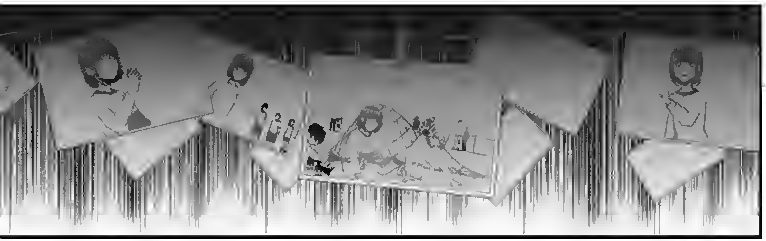
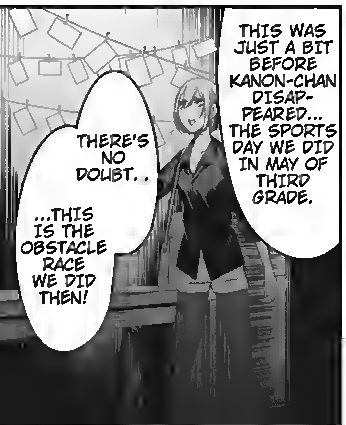
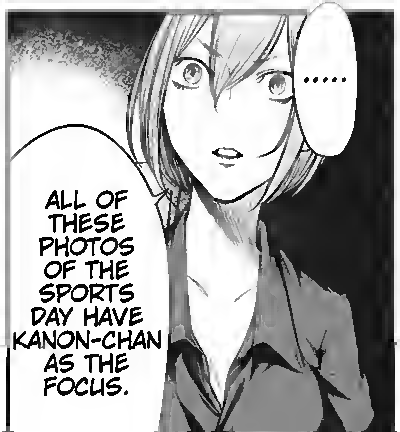
I FEEL LIKE I REMEM-BER THIS...


WH? THIS... THIS IS ME!
AND NEXT TO ME IS... KANON-CHAN!!




THIS WAS JUST A BIT BEFORE KANON-CHAN DISAP-PEARED... THE SPORTS DAY WE DID IN MAY OF THIRD GRADE.
THERE'S NO DOUBT..
...THIS IS THE OBSTACLE RACE WE DID THEN!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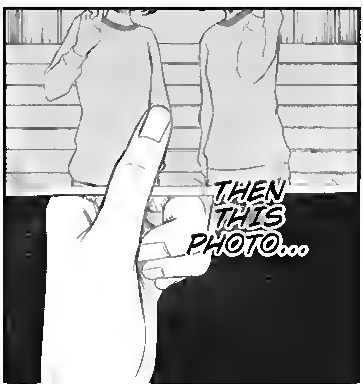
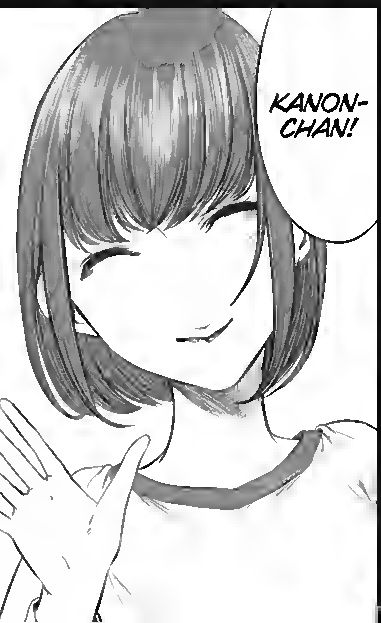
ALL OF THESE PHOTOS OF THE SPORTS DAY HAVE KANON-CHAN AS THE FOCUS.

THE FACT THAT THIS PHOTO IS LINED UP NEXT TO THE PHOTOS OF US...

...COULD THAT MEAN...
...THAT THEY WERE TAKEN ON THE SAME ROLL OF FILM? IF SO...


THEN THIS PHOTO...

ACTUALLY, ON THAT DAY, KANON-CHAN...


KANON-CHAN!

HEY, SARA-CHAN!

AH!

LET'S GET A PICTURE TOGETH-ER!
HM? WHAT'S UP?
WH-OH, UH...
Grab
COME THIS WAY!
BIG BROTH-ER, OVER HERE!
OH, KANON!
!

SARA-CHAN, SARA-CHAN! COME ON!
OKAY!
CAN YOU TAKE A PHOTO OF MY AND MY FRIEND?
SURE.
OKAY, KANON AND- UH... WAS IT SARA-CHAN?
YES! I'M SARA WASHI-ZUKI!
STRIKE A POSE!

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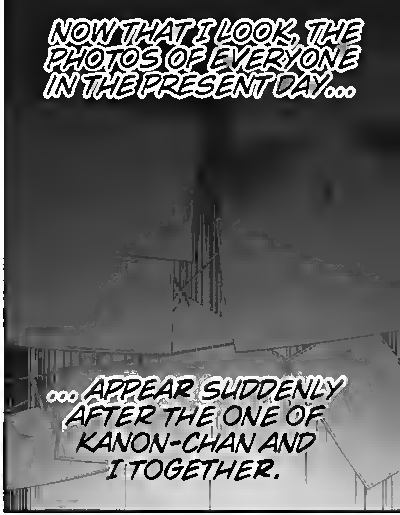
OKAY, SAY CHEESE !!

KANON-CHAN'S OLDER BROTHER TOOK THIS PHOTO.
THAT'S RIGHT, NOW I REMEMBER...
KANON-CHAN'S PARENTS WERE DIVORCED, AND HER MOTHER TOOK HER BROTHER AWAY TO TOKYO WITH HER...
THAT DAY, HE CAME BACK ESPECIALLY TO SEE KANON-CHAN'S SPORTS DAY.

I CAN'T REMEMBER...
WHAT WAS HE LIKE...?

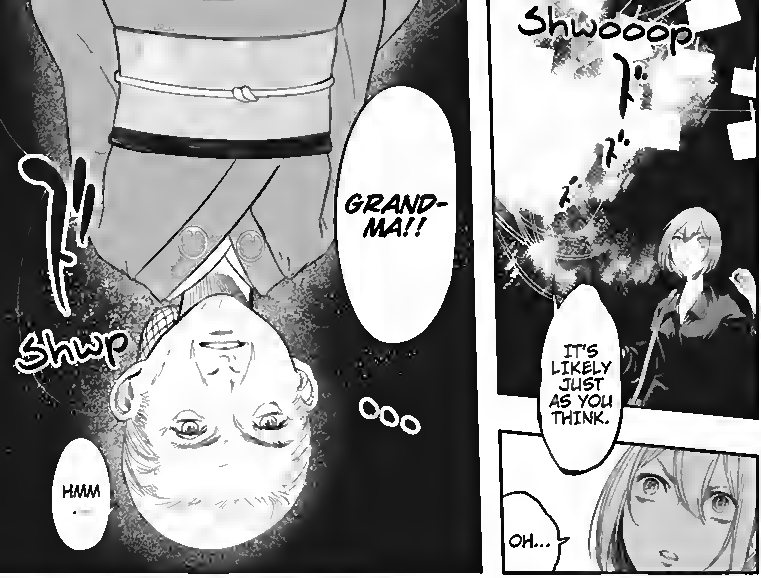
I CAN'T REMEMBER A THING...
OOOOO
...THAT CAMERA HAD PHOTOS OF US FROM THE PRESENT DAY ON IT, AND THAT CAN ONLY MEAN THEY WERE MEANT TO BE PROPHECIES OF SOME SORT.
BUT NOW I'M POSITIVE OF ONE THING...
THEY MUST BE SUPERNATURAL PHOTOS!!

IT'S VERY LIKELY THAT TAKING A PHOTO OF ME, THE SHADOW PRIESTESS...
...SOMEHOW AWOKE THE LATENT POWER IN KANON-CHAN'S BROTHER...


NOW THAT I LOOK, THE PHOTOS OF EVERYONE IN THE PRESENT DAY...
... APPEAR SUDDENLY AFTER THE ONE OF KANON-CHAN AND I TOGETHER.

...THESE... PHOTOS THAT PREDICT THE FUTURE.
AND THAT'S WHY HE TOOK PHOTOS LIKE THIS...

...YOU FIG-URED IT OUT, SARA.
VERY GOOD ...


Shwooop
IT'S LIKELY JUST AS YOU THINK.
OH...
GRAND-MA!!
Shwp
HMM.

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU ALL BEING GATHERED HERE TOGETHER...
...WAS BECAUSE YOU WERE LED HERE BY DESTINY.
Gulp

THERE WAS NOTHING OF COIN-CIDENCE IN THIS.
THIS WAS ALL FATED TO BE FROM THE VERY BEGIN-NING!!
TO BE CONTINUED...